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Nova Guidance Newsletter

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ADDRESSING THE ACADEMIC, PERSONAL, AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF THE STUDENT BODY AT NOVA HIGH SCHOOL

"A bend in the road is not the end of the road...
Unless you fail to make the turn." - Unknown

Get to Know the Guidance Staff:

Mr. Alin Andre, Guidance Director/12th Grade Counselor

Ms. Jasmine Quander-Smith, 9th Grade School Counselor

Ms. Yahshae Mainer, 10th Grade School Counselor

Ms. Jenna Gentile, 11th Grade School Counselor

Ms. Pam Kirtman, BRACE Advisor Ms. Tera Ivey, ESE Specialist

Principal's Message

Greetings Titans,

It is with a grateful heart that I reflect as we prepare to enter our holiday season!

Grateful for the students, parents, faculty and staff members I partner with, working to ensure our children are ready for college, careers, and life after high school. Through inspiration, invigoration, and innovation, our team continues to grow stronger to meet the diverse needs of our scholars.

This year I often find myself remembering my first days at Nova (back in 2008). The excitement, anticipation and honestly the nervousness that I would not let get the best of me as I relocated to Broward County with the opportunity to work in the field I love and consider my passion! The opportunity to work with families throughout Broward County is tremendous, and as we enter the second semester, I want to thank you for working so hard to maintain excellence in academics, communication, and family. The fact that our students have the opportunity to connect to and work with students from all 31 municipalities in our county is incredible, treasured and truly sets us a part from the rest! The remarkable Nova Titan experience is alive and well and celebrated daily.

I am excited about the work of our leadership team! They have been working and exploring innovative programs to add to our rigorously impressive course catalogue for next School year including; Cyber Security, Law and Public Policy, International Law, and Cambridge AICE. Adding these courses will result in more students being equipped for college and careers by earning both industry certification and college credits while on our campus.

Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher, and do not hesitate to call your school counselor should any concerns arise. If you have not done so already, please join us at our monthly School Advisory Forums where we discuss relevant parent concerns, and hear from you. Lastly, continue monitoring your child's progress through pinnacle and up to date news on our school via our website, so that you are truly connected to Titans Times. Feel free to contact me as any concerns arise.

I wish you peace and blessings as we close out 2019!

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Yours truly,

Ms. Awofadeju

At Nova, We Do The Right Thing!

Grade 9: Opportunities for High School Students by Ms. Quander-Smith

Hello Nova parents! I am Jasmine Quander-Smith the 9th Grade School Counselor. I am here to help you and your student navigate through the high school journey and provide information that can help to enhance the high school experience. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions along the way. Here are some programs available to high school students that may be of interest to you and your student. You may schedule an appointment with your child's School Counselor to discuss further options.

Acceptance into a post-secondary institution requires a competitive GPA, acceptable standardize test scores, service hours, and membership in clubs and/or organizations. These are all components of a competitive student will have on their high

school transcript. Students can greatly enhance their chances of being admitted into college by remaining proactive during the summer. Please start planting the seed with your freshman student now. Students should be productive during the summer months! Students can use the summer months to accumulate service hours, research perspective post-secondary institutions, or to enroll in a summer college program. These experiences will help build the student's high school resume. Parents can also check with local agencies, like Hands on Broward, to find summer opportunities available to high school students. Be mindful that taking part in a college summer program does not necessarily guarantee the student admission into that particular college upon completion of high school, but do help to cultivate a well-rounded student.



- <u>Dual-enrollment</u> has become increasingly more popular with our students. It's a great opportunity for students to enhance their academic profile. It allows student the opportunity to take classes at Broward College while enrolled in high school. In order to participate, students must have a 3.0 Un-weighted Grade Point Average and the appropriate standardize test scores. For additional information on the Dual Enrollment program, please visit: www.broward.edu/dual.
- <u>Career Dual Enrollment</u> is also a program that gives our student the opportunity to earn a certification degree through the technical schools affiliated with Broward County Public Schools. For more information about any of the programs listed above, please encourage your child to speak to their respective grade level counselor and/or visit www.browardtechnicalcolleges.com for more information on the Technical College opportunities..
- <u>College Academy</u> is also another option for high achieving students. It allows students the opportunity to complete high school while earning an Associate of Arts degree from Broward College. Please speak to your child's School Counselor about this opportunity because there are some pre-requisites that must be fulfilled. For additional information, please visit: <u>collegeacademy.browardschools.com</u>

If you or your child are considering one of these options, please visit the above websites and schedule a guidance appointment to discuss these options in person. My goal is to help your child become college & career ready while successfully completing high school. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Go Titans!

Grade 10: One Down, Three To Go By Ms. Mainer

The Sophomore year is a critical year as students begin to prepare for their college and career life after high school. I want to share some tips and information to ensure that our students have a successful school year and to make sure they are prepared for the next two years of high school. *One year down, three more to go!*

Build on the Foundation: Make sure your child continues to take rigorous classes, as these will keep him/her on track for college admissions. Ensure that they continue to develop good study habits. These skills will be helpful throughout his/her career here at Nova High School and beyond.

Virtual Resources: Virtual Counselor can provide a variety of information including attendance, test scores, academic history, and graduation requirements. Parents and students are encouraged to view Pinnacle weekly for up-to-date information on grades. Also, visit Naviance (http://connection.naviance.com/nova) and start review ing information regarding State University Systems (SUS) admissions and Bright Futures Scholarship eligibility. Review this information with your child to ensure that they are aware of the GPA and course requirements of each university.

Grade 10: One Down, Three To Go (continued) By Ms. Mainer

Grade Forgiveness: A minimum of a 2.0 minimum unweighted grade point average (GPA) is needed in order to earn a high school diploma. Grade forgiveness is available to all students who have earned D's of F's in previous courses. Please contact your child's counselor for information about night school registration and/or Florida Virtual School. Grade forgiveness will help improve a student's GPA.

EOC Testing: Your child will be taking the 10th Grade FSA English Language Assessment (ELA) and/or FSA Algebra 1 in April. These exams are extremely important graduation requirements needed to earn a high school diploma. Your child must pass the ELA and EOC exams with a Level 3 or higher. The EOCs will be administered during the



months of April & May. This year, Nova will be administering the Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, & U.S. History End Of Course exams. For testing preparation, we encourage you to register your child for our Saturday Academy.

College Preparation: Encourage your child to begin thinking about college, research potential schools and their admissions requirements (see SUS in Naviance). It's never too early to start preparing for the SAT and/or ACT exams, which will be needed for college admissions. On Wednesday, October 16, 2019 your child was provided an opportunity to take a practice SAT (PSAT). Please encourage your child to link his/her PSAT results to Khan Academy for free online remediation. Nova High School offers free SAT/ACT preparation through our Saturday Academy program.

In an attempt to be proactive we must work as a team to assure that your child is successful. Please continue to monitor your child's progress. We look forward to a collaborative effort in ensuring your child's success.

Grade 11: Preparing for College by Ms. Gentile

Junior year is one of the most important years of a student's high school career. It is the last opportunity your child has to show colleges a strong academic record. Keep in mind that at this point students should be narrowing down what his/her post -secondary education plans are. If he/she is college bound, now is the time to make a list of colleges your child plans on applying to and start researching those schools. Although this process can be fun and exciting, it can also be stressful and overwhelming. It is crucial that your student has an amazing support system in place to provide help and comfort when needed. Here is a list of important things to keep in mind for this school year:

- Keeping the grades up: This is the year to improve or maintain the GPA.
- Start the credit recovery process: Register for any missing credits online or at night school. Do not wait until the senior year.
- Prepare to take the SAT/ACT in the spring: Students that took the PSAT/NMSQT in October should connect his/her scores with Khan Academy to receive a personalized study plan. Scores will be released in December. Students are encouraged to take the SAT and/or ACT more than once.
- Start the college search: Students can research colleges on Naviance, attend college fairs, and attend college

tours. Schools can be contacted directly to set up a tour.

- Continue to stay involved with clubs and organizations: He/She should strive to obtain leadership roles.
- Increase volunteer hours: Students are required to have 40 service to graduate, however, colleges want to see much more. If your student hasn't turned any in, make sure they do it now! Students need 250 hours to be awarded the silver service cord for graduation.

Feel free to contact or schedule an appointment with me to address any questions or concerns.

Grade 12: Senior Year... No Time to Waste by Mr. Andre

Your child is quickly approaching the end of his/her time in high school. As your student prepares for the next phase of life, it is important to remember that your involvement as parents is still very important. Please take the time to review some important information that will be crucial as your student navigates the final year in high school.

- <u>College Applications</u> deadlines are different for each college or university, so please be aware of what needs to be in and by when. It is never too soon to start sending out applications. Many colleges require recommendations, from either teachers or a school counselor. Again, the earlier your child asks teachers or counselors for a letter of recommendations the sooner it will get done.
- <u>Scholarships</u> The BRACE advisor, Mrs. Kirtman, updates the Naviance scholarship bulletin weekly with information on scholarship requirements and the application process. Ms. Kirtman is on campus Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays to assist our students.
- <u>Financial Aid</u> The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application is now available online (fafsa.gov) The sooner parents complete the online FAFSA, the better the chances of receiving consideration for the maximum amount of free student aid.
- <u>Credit Recovery</u> If your student is missing a credit that is required for graduation, he/she can either take an online course via flvs.net, or enroll in a face-to-face night school course to recover the credit. Please review Virtual Counselor with your student to ensure that he/she is on track. Please contact me or schedule an appointment.
- <u>SAT/ACT</u> At this point, most four-year university bound seniors should have taken an SAT or ACT, be registered to take the test(s), or are preparing to re-take in hopes of improving their scores. Many of our students are planning on attending a two-year college first and, in this case, SAT or ACT scores are not required...but it can't hurt to take them. A student can still apply to a college or university while working on these exams, so don't wait and get started!
- <u>Service Hours</u> Participation in the graduation ceremony is also dependent on meeting the 40-hour service requirement. Service hour forms are available in the 11th/12th grade building, along with a list of approved volunteer sites. Remember that hours must be earned through a <u>non-profit organization</u>, and proper paper work is necessary to have the hours logged. You can visit handsonbroward.org to see a list of volunteer opportunities in your area. Silver cords for graduation are awarded to students earning 250 service hours.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020!



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BRACE News by Pam Kirtman



Senior year is a crucial and exciting time. Whether they plan to earn technical, two or four-year degrees, postsecondary education costs money. All Nova High School seniors and their families should complete the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov to be considered for need-based financial aid such as grants, federal work study and low-interest **federal** loans. Financial aid is awarded to admitted students in the spring. Each state and institution has its own financial aid deadline. Where FAFSA is concerned, THE EARLIER THE BETTER!! Completing FAFSA sooner ensures students will be considered for first-come, first-served money! The FAFSA requires family tax data and take approximately 1 hour to complete. (Undocumented students should not complete FAFSA)

To authorize the state of Florida to consider your student for all state-sponsored scholarships and grants they are eligible for, including Florida Bright Futures

Scholarships, complete the Florida Financial Aid Authorization (FFAA, Bright Futures application). It's easy! No financial information is required for this simple online form. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete. Go to https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPPRFILE/SAPPRFILE, create your profile and then complete the FFAA. Grades, test scores and community service hours through June will be considered. Check your Bright Futures eligibility at www.floridashines.org or Mrs. Kirtman, the BRACE Advisor.

There are millions of dollars in scholarships from outside sources for every type of student. Go to the Naviance Scholarship List, sort by deadline, read the eligibility guidelines and apply for the scholarships that you qualify for now. There is no limit to the amount of outside scholarship money that can be awarded! Check out the easy-to-read scholarship spreadsheet at http://bit.ly/browardscholarships. It contains many of the scholarships listed on Naviance.

If your student has a financial need, please apply for the Broward Education Foundation Scholarship. It's super-local and easy to complete. Using just one application, he/she will be considered for dozens of need-based scholarships! Students will go to http://browardedfoundation.org/apply, complete the online portion, write the essays that they relate to and submit. Then turn in the paperwork to Mrs. Kirtman, your BRACE Advisor.

Naviance

Broward County Schools has partnered with Naviance to provide a variety of tools for student achievement through academic planning. These tools are located in **Naviance**, a website for students and families to access online resources, communicate with school staff and collaborate on college and career readiness activities.

Students can research college, scholarships, careers, enrichment programs and courses all in one location! They can also create individual plans that can be linked to college and career readiness. Students can communicate easily with their school counselor and BRACE Advisor. For college and career readiness, students will be able to request transcripts and recommendations for college applications as well as complete career assessments and perform college and career searches. Students can also create goals and track associated tasks and activities.

Students will use Naviance OFTEN to apply to college, search for colleges, careers and scholarships. They will also be required to complete tasks assigned by their school counselors and BRACE Advisor.

Log on to: http://connection.naviance.com/nova
Where it says, "username," enter your student number.
Your password is your date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy, with the /).

A Look at Literacy

Nova High School Leads the Way in Literacy. The 2018-2019 school year was a strong year for literacy at Nova High School. In the 2019 English Language Arts Florida State Assessment, Nova High School ranked fourth in the district for proficiency, ranked second in the district for learning gains, and ranked third in the district for learning gains of the lowest quartile.

Nova High School's Literacy Program. Nova High School implements a wide variety of literacy programs for all readers. Such programs include literacy implementation through a school-wide instructional focus calendar which focuses on a monthly literacy standard and Word of the Day which introduces SAT vocabulary words to students. Additional literacy support for struggling read-



ers is provided through Saturday Academy and Titans Care where students receive additional test-taking and standard-based instruction. More information on our literacy programs are available on our school website.

Two examples of our literacy standards focus include:

1. Citing Textual Evidence (LAFS.910.RI.1.1 and LAFS.1112.RI.1.1). When students can identify the appropriate evidence in their response and explain how that evidence supports their reasoning, they are indicating that they fully understand the content that they have been taught.

How you can support this skill: Watch the news together, ask your child if the evidence being presented in the news is strong or weak. Discuss why he or she feels this way. After watching a movie, ask your child what they may think of a character or situation, ask them to use examples from the movie or show to support their answer.

2. Identifying the Central Idea and How it is Developed (LAFS.910.RI.1.2 and LAFS.1112.RI.1.2). Being able to determine the central idea of a text or multimedia will help your child to hone in on the important message being conveyed by the author or creator. Understanding the central idea is the foundation of an analysis of a text or multimedia.

How you can support this skill: Ask your child to summarize their day without providing their opinion. Ask your child to summarize something they've read in school or a show they have watched. Come up with one sentence that describes a book or show fully, then reduce the number of words that can be used until there is only one word left.



What is Word of the Day? Word of the Day is a literacy initiative that Nova has implemented to strengthen and build on students' vocabulary skills. A strong and diverse vocabulary will help students read at a higher level as well as provide them with the tools to communicate with more specificity. Every day, students are exposed to one word four times. Each period, they have a different activity. In the first two periods, they are getting to know the word. They find out the definition, see the word used in a sentence, and identify synonyms and antonyms. The last two periods have students interacting with

the word. They must write a sentence using the word on a specific topic and answer a question that asks them to think about the word in a unique way. Every cycle, students are tested on their knowledge of the words.

How you can help: Ask your child what the word of the day is and what it means. Share your thoughts on what the word means and when you would use that word. Have a competition on who can come up with the most interesting sentence using the word of the day.

Fall Sports Roundup

Bowling

Head Coach: Vincent Sica

Inaugural Season as an official FHSAA Sport

Finished 5th out of 17 teams in the District Tournament

Led by Josh Lowenstein with an average of 185 per game and Richard Vuong with an average of 177 per game

Cross Country (Boys & Girls)

Head Coach: Ryan Meizoso

Both Boys and Girls qualified for the FHSAA Regionals

Standout runners were Jeremiah Oscar, Emilio Moreno, and Anthony Gomez

Football Varsity

Head Coach: Kevin Huntley

Independent

Standout Players: Derrick Wright, Napolean Gilbert, Tyler Fernandez, Jordan Johnson, Jayden Brown

Football JV

Head Coach: Fritzler Dorisca

Record: 3-4-1

Standout players were Jamahl Sauveur, Rutan Bui, and Aris Rivera

Golf (Boys and Girls)

Head Coach: Brian Luebkert

Record: Boys (8-6) and the Girls (7-4)

Juan Scheele, Farhan Mohammed, and Naia Montes all qualified for the BCAA Golf Championships

Swimming

Head Coach: Jesse White

Record: Boys (4-4) and the Girls (4-4)

Swimmers Orlando Saballos, Samantha Trodick, and Isabella Chen as well as 2 Boys and 2 Girls Relay teams qualified for the FHSAA Regionals

Volleyball (Girls)

Head Coach: Micah Rogers

Record: 16-7

1st ever District Championship in school history

Qualified for the BCAA Big 8 Championships and FHSAA State Playoffs

Led by Ana Mallory, Jasmine Ogden, Shai-Ann Keen, Chanelle Fisher, and Janiya Allen

Winter Sport Start Dates:

Competitive Cheer – October 14, 2019

Soccer (Boys and Girls) – October 21, 2019

Girls Basketball – October 28, 2019

Boys Basketball – November 4, 2019

Wrestling – November 11, 2019

If you have any questions or if you would like to get your child involved in NHS sports, please contact our Athletic Director Jason Hively at 754-323-1671 or visit www.browardschools.com/novahigh for the latest information regarding Nova High School Athletics

Let's Go Titans!

Volunteer Service Hours



All students are required to complete a minimum of 40 service hours to receive a high school diploma. The purpose of this requirement is to teach students the importance of participating and providing services to both their school and community. We encourage students to go above and beyond the minimum 40 hours and continue to give back to the community. Students interested in earning a silver cord to be worn at graduation must complete 250 service hours before March 13th of their senior year. Students will be advised of the deadline date to submit in hours for the silver cord.

<u>In order for student service hours to be recorded properly, it is important that the following guidelines are followed:</u>

- Students are responsible for receiving approval from Ms. Gentile prior to performing volunteer service hours.
- One <u>Student Volunteer Service Application and Approval Form</u> must be completed for each organization where service hours are performed. Parts A, B, and C must be completed prior to submitting forms to Ms. Gentile.
- Service hours are to be documented on the Tier Form.
- Students are responsible for making a photocopy for their records of all service hour forms prior to submitting them to Ms. Gentile.

All volunteer service hour forms are available in the 11th grade office. Approval Forms and Tier forms may also be printed from the Broward County Public School's Service Learning website. Additional information in regard to rules and regulations set forth by Broward County School Board are also available on the website. (www.browardschools.com/schools/service learning.htm)

HandsOn Broward (www.handsonbroward.org) provides various volunteer locations.

Get Involved!

Extracurricular activities offer students the opportunity to apply academic skills in a real-world context; and learn the value of teamwork, individual and group responsibility, competition, and diversity. Participation in extracurricular activities may increase students' sense of culture and community and attachment to their school thereby decreasing the likelihood of school failure and dropping out. Nova High School offers students a wide range of extracurricular activities including social, service learning, and academic clubs and associations. Please click the link below for a list of clubs being offered this year.



https://www.browardschools.com/domain/16771

School Advisory Council (SAC) / School Advisory Forum (SAF)

Nova High School's Advisory Council (SAC) addresses student achievement issues as well as the school improvement plan. SAC is open to parents, students, and community members. The School Advisory Forum (SAF) is open to all parents and guardians and provides important information impacting the quality of education your student receives in the Broward County Public Schools, such as: Standardized Testing (FCAT, PSAT, SAT etc.), Facilities Improvement (Construction and Maintenance), College Readiness and Selection, Curriculum and Instruction, Extracurricular Activities, Guidance and Student Services, and State Funding for Education.

SAC/SAF meetings begin jointly at 5:15 PM in Nova High School's Media Center.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

November 18, 2019 February 10, 2020 May 18, 2020 December 16, 2019 March 16, 2020

January 13, 2020 April 20, 2020

Policies

Attendance:

According to Attendance Policy 5.5, an absence needs to be excused by parent/guardian within a 48 hour period of time for every student absence. 5 excused/unexcused absences during a marking period are considered a "pattern of non-attendance" and a referral from the teacher will be administered.

Signing Out:
Students are not allowed to sign out during the last 30 minutes of the school day.

SB Policy 5006 outlines all the violations that result in out-of-school suspension and expulsion and/or the consequences. You may view the complete suspension/expulsion policy and all School Board policies on the Web at: https://www.browardschools.com/Page/37754 THE INTENT OF THIS POLICY IS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF A SAFE, ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL EDUCA-TIONAL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS AND TO ALIGN WITH ZERO-TOLERANCE LEGISLATION AND STATUTO-RY REQUIREMENTS. Suspended students are eligible to receive assignments and may earn credit and grades for make-up work during the suspension period. The make up work is due the day the students return from suspension.

<u>Substance Abuse</u>:
Possession or use of drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco products, including unauthorized over-the-counter medications is prohibited. The sale or attempted sale of any of the previously mentioned items or possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited. Failure to abide by these policies will result in disciplinary action.

Saturday Academy

Saturday Academy is available for all students and provides additional assistance in preparing students for the FSA, EOC, SAT, and ACT exams. We encourage all students to attend. Saturday Academy is held from 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. on designated Saturdays. Additional information, including dates, will be posted to our school website once available. Transportation and lunch is provided at each session.



DATE	TEST PREPARATION
January 25, 2020	ELA, EOC, SAT/ACT
February 1, 2020	ELA, EOC, SAT/ACT
February 8, 2020	ELA, EOC, SAT/ACT
February 22, 2020	ELA, EOC, SAT/ACT
February 29, 2020	ELA, EOC, SAT/ACT
March 7, 2020	ELA, EOC, SAT/ACT
March 14, 2020	ELA, EOC
April 4, 2020	ELA, EOC
April 18, 2020	ELA, EOC
April 25, 2020	ELA, EOC

Pinnacle

Want up-to-date grades and attendance for your student?

Go to Pinnacle Parent Viewer: https://gb.browardschools.com/pinnacle/gradebook/

Student Login:

Username is: Student ID Number@my.browardschools.com

Password is: P followed by the student's birthdate with slashes.....it is the same password students use to log into

the school computers

Example: Username: 0601234567@my.browardschools.com Password: P04/05/2001

CollegeBoard 2020 AP Exam Schedule May 4-15, 2020

Week 1 Morning Session 8:00 a.m. Afternoon Session 12:00 p.m.

Monday, May 4 US Government & Politics Physics C: Mechanics

Tuesday, May 5 Calculus AB German Language & Culture

> Calculus BC Human Geography

Wednesday, May 6 English Literature & Composition **European History**

Physics 2: Algebra-Based

Thursday, May 7 Chemistry Japanese Language & Culture

Physics 1: Algebra-Based Spanish Literature & Culture

Friday, May 8 Computer Science A **United States History**

Art History

AP 2-D Art & Design, 3-D Art & Design, and Drawing - last day for coordinators to submit digital portfolios (by 8 p.m. ET) and to gather 2-D Art & Design and Drawing students for physical portfolio assembly. Teachers should have forwarded students' completed digital

portfolios to coordinators before this date.

Week 2 Morning Session 8:00 a.m. Afternoon Session 12:00 p.m.

Monday, May 11 **Biology** Chinese Language & Culture

Environmental Science

Tuesday, May 12 Seminar Latin

> Spanish Language & Culture Psychology

Wednesday, May 13 English Language & Composition Microeconomics

Music Theory

Statistics

Comparative Government Thursday, May 14 Italian Language & Culture

& Politics

World History: Modern

Macroeconomics

Friday, May 15 Computer Science Principles

French Language & Culture

Please Note:

Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism exam begins at 2:00 p.m.

** Early testing or testing at times other than those published by the College Board are not permitted under any circumstances. Students who have exams scheduled for the same day and time must notify Ms. Gentile prior to **January 17**, *2020*.

Please visit Nova High School's website for the AP Exam Policy.

AP Test Prep Questions

Albert.io offers a test prep questions for AP subjects. Its free to sign up. Students are given a trial run credits to use on the questions. After the credits are used up they have to purchase more credits.

Important Dates to Remember

Florida Assessment for Instruction in Reading (FAIR)

August 2019 - June 2020

EOC Retakes - Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, & U.S. History

September 17-19, 2019

September 20-25, 2019 (Make-Up)

FSA ELA Grade 10 Retake - Writing

September 10, 2019

September 16, 2019 (Make-Up)

FSA ELA Grade 10 Retake - Reading

September 11-12, 2019

PSAT

October 16, 2019

ASVAB Testing

November 13, 2019

Thanksgiving Break

November 27 - 29, 2019

EOC Retakes - Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, & U.S. History

December 3-5, 2019

Midterm Exams

December 17-20, 2019

Winter Break

December 23, 2019 - January 6, 2020

AP Exams

May 4—May 15, 2020

Graduation

June 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Nova Southeastern University's Don Taft University Center

*All testing dates are windows. Exact dates subject to change.



ACT Test Dates

Test Date Registration

December 14, 2019 February 8, 2020 April 4, 2020 June 13, 2020 July 18, 2020 Deadline

November 8, 2019 January 10, 2020 February 28, 2020 May 8, 2020 June 19, 2020 (Late Fee Required)

November 9-22, 2019 January 11-17, 2020 February 29-March 13, 2020 May 9-22, 2020

June 20-26, 2020

Visit www.actstudent.org to register

SAT Test Dates

Test Date Registration

November 2, 2019 December 7, 2019 March 14, 2020 May 2, 2020 June 6, 2020 Deadline

October 3, 2019 November 8, 2019 February 14, 2020 April 3, 2020 May 8, 2020 (Late Fee Required)

October 4-22, 2019 November 9-26, 2019 February 15-March 3, 2020 April 4-21, 2020

May 9-27, 2020

Visit www.sat.collegeboard.org to register

Additional Resources for Math and Reading Practice

Reading

USAtestprep.com

USA Testprep is an online program. It includes games, puzzles, animations, skill-work exercises, and self-directed activities that are are aligned to our Florida State Standards.

OpenEd.com

OpenEd is a free on-line program that aligns with the new Florida State Assessment (FSA). The activities, instructional videos, and practice provided assist students with remediating or enhancing the skills needed for NewsELA. The assessments mimic what students are expected to see on the ELA FSA.

Achieve3000.com

Achieve 3000 is an individualized computer-based program that builds on students 'existing skills. It utilizes high-interest current events to promote students' reading skills

Vocabulary.com

Vocabulary.com utilizes adaptive learning games to build students' vocabulary.

Math

IXL: www.ixl.com

Khan Academy: www.khanacademy.org Math is Fun: www.mathisfun.com Math Nation: www.mathnation.com

Construction Update

Nova High School is well on its way with the Construction phase of its Primary Renovations in which all enhancements will be implemented. Once renovations are complete, students, faculty, and staff will begin to benefit from the upgrades. The following are enhancements that are underway:

- · Art room renovation & equipment
- · Building envelope improvements (roof, window, ext. wall, etc.)
- · Electrical improvements
- · Fire alarm
- · HVAC improvements
- · Media center improvements
- · Music room renovation
- · Safety/ Security upgrade
- · STEM lab improvements

Our construction process will progress over the next couple of years throughout our facility. During this time classes will be moved from one location to another to ensure our students and teachers continue their instructional focus. We have experienced some delays in the process. Thank you for your continued patience.



USEFUL LINKS

www.floridashines.org

Choices Planner, High School e-PEP, career and college info

www.browardschools.com

School Board website

gb.browardschools.com/pinnacle/gradebook

Pinnacle grade book and attendance viewer

www.fastweb.com

Scholarship search engine

www.collegeboard.com

SAT practice test questions, SAT registration dates/deadlines

www.actstudent.org

ACT test prep, scores, ACT registration dates/deadlines

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Federal financial aid application and financial aid info

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/

Bright Futures info

www.broward.k12.fl.us/novahigh

Nova High School website

www.browardschools.com/departments/service-learning-

student-volunteer

Service Hour Guidelines, Log Sheets, and Approval Forms

www.handsonbroward.org

Website for possible volunteer opportunities.

www.pamelakirtman.wixsite.com/novabrace

Nova BRACE Website

http://connection.naviance.com/nova

Family Connection

http://www.fsassessments.org/

Florida Standards Assessments

www.albert.io

Albert (AP test prep)



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